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SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1005

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU, THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE PROCUREMENT OF A MODERN AIR REFUELING AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT FOR THE KC-135 FLEET.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the National Guard Bureau, the United States Air Force, the United States
2 Department of Defense and the Congress of the United States:

3 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

4 Whereas, the United States Air Force inventory of aircraft includes
5 RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft and KC-135R tanker aircraft in the active
6 component and KC-135R/E tanker aircraft in the Air National Guard; and

7 Whereas, both the RC-135 and the KC-135 models are an average of at
8 least thirty-eight years of age. Replacement of these aging aircraft is
9 necessary to enable the Air Force and the Air National Guard to continue
10 performing their vital missions worldwide; and

11 Whereas, the KC-135E aircraft, as presently configured with TF-33
12 engines, violate current Stage II noise and emissions standards set by the
13 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Further, more stringent EPA Stage III
14 noise and emissions standards become effective in two years; and

15 Whereas, the possibility of retrofitting the aging KC-135E model with
16 newer model engines has been considered as a way to modernize the fleet and
17 bring the aircraft to current standards. Studies have determined, however,
18 that this is not the most economically sound option but is instead a
19 short-term fix that lacks long-term benefits; and

20 Whereas, the most cost-effective and practical long-term solution to
21 the aging fleet problem is new aircraft. Dramatic improvements in the
22 design, materials and engine maintenance concepts of newer aircraft have
23 resulted in lower maintenance costs and vastly improved fuel consumption; and

24 Whereas, a new, fully modernized air refueling fleet would greatly
25 reduce long wait times for parts and exhaustive efforts to locate,
26 remanufacture or replace existing parts on an aging aircraft fleet. Further,
27 new aircraft would allow Air National Guard units to better participate in
28 the full air refueling arena and to provide the global reach necessitated by
29 the withdrawal of overseas military forces.

30 Wherefore

31 Your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
32 Representatives concurring, prays:

33 1. That the National Guard Bureau, the United States Air Force, the
34 United States Department of Defense and the Congress of the United States
35 support funding for newer and more efficient air refueling aircraft for the
36 Air National Guard.

37 2. That if funds for new aircraft are not available at this time,
38 these entities take steps to procure newer engines for the existing aircraft
39 that will help bring them into compliance with pollution and noise standards.

40 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
41 of this Memorial to the Director of the National Guard Bureau, the Commander
42 of the United States Air Force, the Secretary of the United States Department
43 of Defense, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the
44 President of the United States Senate and each Member of Congress from the
45 State of Arizona.

~~PASSED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 6, 2004.~~

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~~PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 4, 2004.~~

~~FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 7, 2004.~~

Passed the House April 6, 2004,

by the following vote: 57 Ayes,

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting

Jake Flake
Speaker of the House

Speman L. Fyore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 4, 2004,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Ken Bennett
President of the Senate

Charmia Billington
Secretary of the Senate

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 17th day of April, 2004,

at 1:30 o'clock P M.

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State